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Q is a queen, all bespangled with gold;  
But she'll die like the rest and be cover'd  
with mould.

R is a rogue, you see how he fares;  
Be sure you take care not to deal in his  
wares.

S is a swallow not seen in the winter;  
Like many loose friends who are not worth  
a splinter.

T is a top which runs merrily round;  
But like most other things it soon falls to  
the ground.

U is a Uhlan who lives by his sword;  
If he dies by it too, 'twill no wonder afford.

V is a vine which revives every heart;  
But the juice if ill-used will soon make you  
smart.

W is William who hated his school;  
So that now (as you see) he looks like a  
fool.

X was king Xerxes who warred with bold  
Greece;

But he soon was obliged to patch up a  
peace.

Y was

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Y was a youth who lov'd reading and  
writing;

Which he found was much better than  
swearing and fighting.

Wife Z was zealous; but in a good cause;  
I hope you'll be like him. Farewell my  
good boys.

These then are the verses; and if any  
young gentleman should be scholar enough  
to read them all, and properly explain  
them, he will not only have his pocket  
full of pictures, but good Mr. *Alphabet*,  
who is a great friend to learning, will give  
him a paper of sweetmeats into the bar-  
gain. But when you take your leave of  
him, you must be sure to thank him, and  
make him a fine bow; for if you forget to  
do this (as many naughty masters and  
misses do when they receive favours from  
their friends) 'tis ten to one but he takes  
away your pictures and your sweetmeats,  
or, it may be, drives you out of the castle,  
to teach you better behaviour: and so  
good bye to you Mr. *Alphabet*.

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